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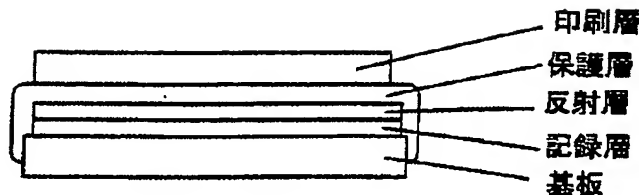
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TITLE : INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM



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**ABSTRACT :** PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide an information recording medium which is free of a printing omission (setting omission) when the medium is printed by using an electrophotographic printing machine or thermal transfer printing machine for optical disks and which has excellent image reproducibility and makes high-quality image printing possible.

**SOLUTION:** This information recording medium is an information recording medium successively laminated with at least a reflection layer, a protective layer and/or a printing layer on a transparent substrate and is characterized in that the surface roughness Ra of the protective layer or printing layer exposed on the surface of the medium is  $\leq 0.25 \mu\text{m}$  and the chromaticity of the surface satisfies  $-6 < b \text{ value} < +6$  at Lab.

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